GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MURDER BY LICENSED FIRE ARMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of murder by licensed fire arms are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years, till date State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 813, 556 and 587 persons were killed by use of licensed fire arms in the country during 2004 to 2006 respectively, thus showing a mixed trend.

(b): The number of cases in which murders were committed by licensed fire arms are not maintained by NCRB. The State/UT wise number of persons killed by use of licensed fire arms during 2004 to 2006 are enclosed at Annexure.

(c): The Government is following a policy of non-proliferation of arms and a strict gun control regime under which
(i) no fresh licence for the manufacture of arms and ammunition is issued;
(ii) the existing private manufactures of small arms and ammunitions are not allowed enhancement of their existing quota; and
(iii) licence to possess arms by citizens are given only in the case of an applicant facing imminent/grave threat to his life.